

1           DELEGATE LORD: Mr. President, I think that I  
2     can bring this matter to a close rather quickly. The  
3     authorities in the field have certainly indicated that we have  
4     to use a flexible scheme, in fact I would like to quote  
5     again from the source I just read from where the conclusion  
6     was reached "that this discussion can be summarized that the  
7     case for rigid insistence for single-member districting has  
8     not been proved. The authors believe any district electing  
9     more than four or five members should be divided but they see  
10    no harm in continuing indefinitely the policy of any states  
11    in which two and three-member districts are widely used."

12           I would like to close by quoting some of the  
13    language used in the discussion on the floor by the chairman  
14    of the Legislative Branch Committee when dealing with  
15    virtually this same amendment. He says, "I have got to  
16    commend the proposal, however, in the sense that it does  
17    obtain the single-member approach for the senate and it goes  
18    a long way in eliminating the evil we were after in trying  
19    to eliminate the delegate situation where seven and eight  
20    people were running and we ran into a question of low  
21    visibility. We commend this proposal."